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SUBJECT: UNHCR REQUESTS ASSISTANCE FOR REFUGEES IN SOUTHERN
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1. MISSION HAS RECEIVED FOR TRANSMISSION FOLLOWING LETTER
ADDRESSED TO SECRETARY FROM UNHCR SADRUDDIN AGA KHAN WHICH
REQUESTS ASSISTANCE FOR REFUGEES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA IN
RESPONSE TO SECRETARY'S LUSAKA ADDRESS:

QUOTE

DEAR MR. SECRETARY,

I WARMLY WELCOME YOUR IMPORTANT STATEMENT PERTAINING TO
SOUTHERN AFRICA, MADE LAST WEEK IN LUSAKA. I HAVE PARTICULARLY
NOTED YOUR REFERENCE TO THE NEED FOR HUMANITARIAN AND EDUCATIONAL
ASSISTANCE FOR REFUGEES FROM SOUTHERN RHODESIA (ZIMBABWE) AND
NAMIBIA AND WAS ALSO VERY ENCOURAGED BY THE SUPPORT ENVISAGED
IN RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FROM MY OFFICE FOR THESE PROGRAMMES.

UNHCR HAS ALREADY GIVEN SOME ASSISTANCE TO ZIMBABWEANS
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BUT CONSIDERABLY MORE WILL HAVE TO BE DONE. BASED ON CONSER-

VATIVE ESTIMATES, 1976 FINANCIAL NEEDS AT THIS STAGE ARE
FORESEEN IN THE AMOUNT OF SOME \$1,500,000.

MOZAMBIQUE, THE COUNTRY WHICH HAD TO SHOULDER THE BIGGEST
BURDEN IN CONNECTION WITH ZIMBABWEAN REFUGEES IS ALSO FACED WITH
A VAST TASK IN SETTLING REFUGEES WHO HAD TO FLEE TO NEIGHBOURING
COUNTRIES DURING THE STRUGGLE FOR LIBERATION, AS WELL AS PERSONS
DISPLACED INTERNALLY. ALMOST A YEAR AGO MY OFFICE LAUNCHED AN
ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME ON THEIR BEHALF, WHICH IS STILL LACKING
SOME \$2,000,000 FOR ITS FULL FINANCING. IN THE PRESENT
VULNERABLE ECONOMIC SITUATION OF MOZAMBIQUE, RESULTING FROM THE
FULL APPLICATION OF SANCTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RELEVANT
UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS, IT WOULD APPEAR OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE
THAT THE ASSISTANCE MEASURES ORIGINALLY ENVISAGED CAN BE
COMPLETED.

LET ME ALSO EXPRESS MY ENTIRE CONCURRENCE WITH YOUR STATEMENT
REGARDING THE IMPORTANCE OF TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR NAMIBIAN AND
ZIMBABWEAN REFUGEES. I FULLY AGREE WITH YOU THAT THESE PROGRAMMES
SHOULD BE INTENSIFIED TO MEET THE FUTURE NEEDS OF THESE COUNTRIES
IN TRAINED PERSONNEL. IN THIS PARTICULAR FIELD, WE ESTIMATE
THAT OUR UNCOVERED REQUIREMENTS FOR 1976 AMOUNT TO SOME \$700,000.

I AM ATTACHING A NUMBER OF AIDES MEMOIRE ON THE VARIOUS
SUBJECTS RAISED ABOVE WHICH DESCRIBE IN MORE DETAIL THE
ASSISTANCE ALREADY PROVIDED, AS WELL AS FURTHER REQUIREMENTS.

WITH HIGHEST CONSIDERATION AND WARMEST PERSONAL REGARDS,

YOURS SINCERELY,

SADRUDDIN AGA KHAN

AIDE MEMOIRE ON UNHCR ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES FROM SOUTHERN RHODESIA

INTRODUCTION

1. SINCE 1971 UNHCR HAS PROVIDED ASSISTANCE TO THE LIMITED NUMBER
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OF REFUGEES FROM SOUTHERN RHODESIA (ZIMBABWE) WHO APPLIED FOR
ASSISTANCE IN VARIOUS AFRICAN COUNTRIES. THIS ASSISTANCE HAS
BEEN GIVEN BY UNHCR IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF ITS MANDATE
AND THE RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

(FOOTNOTE: SOUTHERN RHODESIANS LEGALLY ARE UNITED KINGDOM
NATIONALS AND THOSE OUTSIDE SOUTHERN RHODESIA COME UNDER THE
PROTECTION OF THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT; ASSISTANCE IS GIVEN

IN EACH CASE WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.)

2. SINCE MID 1975, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REFUGEES FROM SOUTHERN RHODESIA HAS RAPIDLY GROWN TO APPROXIMATELY 14,700, BY 31 DECEMBER 1975, WITH A MAIN CONCENTRATION OF SOME 14,500 IN MOZAMBIQUE AND THE REMAINDER, COMPRISING SMALL GROUPS OF INDIVIDUAL REFUGEES, IN OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES, PRINCIPALLY THOSE BORDERING SOUTHERN RHODESIA.

ASSISTANCE MEASURES

3. THE REFUGEES IN MOZAMBIQUE ARE LIVING IN RURAL SETTLEMENTS IN THE PROVINCES OF SOFALA, MANICA, TETE AND CAZA. THE REFUGEES IN TETE HAVE BEEN THERE SINCE THE BEGINNING OF 1975, WHEREAS THOSE IN THE OTHER THREE PROVINCES ARRIVED THERE AFTER MOZAMBIQUE HAD BECOME INDEPENDENT. SO FAR A TOTAL OF \$470,000 HAS BEEN ADVANCED BY UNHCR FOR IMMEDIATE RELIEF MEASURES SUCH AS THE PROVISION OF FOOD, CLOTHING AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE SETTLEMENTS THROUGH SUCH ITEMS AS SEEDS, TOOLS, HOUSEHOLD UTENSILS, AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT, WATER SUPPLY AND TRANSPORTATION. FOLLOWING RECENT EVENTS IN THE AREA, THERE HAS BEEN A STEADY INFLUX OF ZIMBABWEANS INTO MOZAMBIQUE AND AT PRESENT BETWEEN TWENTY AND SIXTY PERSONS ARE ARRIVING DAILY. DURING THE COURSE OF THE YEAR ADDITIONAL ALLOCATIONS WILL THEREFORE HAVE TO BE MADE SO THAT SIMILAR ASSISTANCE CAN BE EXTENDED TO THESE NEW ARRIVALS, AS WELL AS STRENGTHENING THE ASSISTANCE TO THE INITIAL 14,500 REFUGEES.

4. SOME OF THE REFUGEES FROM SOUTHERN RHODESIA ARE LIVING OUTSIDE RURAL SETTLEMENTS IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES IN AFRICA. THOSE IN URBAN CENTRES ARE FINDING IT DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN SUITABLE WORK WHICH WOULD PERMIT THEM TO BECOME SELF-SUPPORTING.
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THIS IS PRIMARILY DUE TO THE POLICY IN MANY COUNTRIES WHICH GIVES PREFERENCE IN EMPLOYMENT TO NATIONALS. THE REFUGEES IN THE URBAN AREAS ARE THEREFORE OFTEN IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE IN THE FORM OF TRAINING, PLACEMENT IN EMPLOYMENT OR ESTABLISHMENT IN TRADE OR SMALL COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES, RESETTLEMENT ETC. THEY MAY ALSO REQUIRE SUBSISTENCE GRANTS FOR THE PROVISION OF SHELTER, FOOD AND MEDICAL CARE.

CONCLUSION

5. IN VIEW OF THE CONTINUING EXODUS AS A RESULT OF WHICH THE NUMBER IN MOZAMBIQUE ALONE IS REPORTED TO HAVE RISEN TO 18,000 BY THE END OF APRIL 1976, FURTHER SUBSTANTIAL ALLOCATIONS OF NO LESS THAN \$1 MILLION WILL BE REQUIRED IN THE COURSE OF 1976. THUS, IN ADDITION TO SOME \$500,000 ALREADY ALLOCATED, TOTAL

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ZIMBABWEANS DURING 1976 ARE CONSERVATIVELY ESTIMATED, AT THIS STAGE, AT \$1,500,000.

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AIDE MEMOIRE ON THE UNHCR ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME FOR THE REPATRIATION AND RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES AND EMERGENCY AID TO DISPLACED PERSONS IN MOZAMBIQUE

1. ON 16 APRIL 1975, THE HIGH COMMISSIONER APPEALED TO GOVERNMENTS FOR FUNDS TO FINANCE A \$7,150,000 PROGRAMME FOR THE REPATRIATION AND RESETTLEMENT IN MOZAMBIQUE OF REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS.
2. TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS PLEDGED TOWARDS THE PROGRAMME TARGET AMOUNT TO \$5,246,348, INCLUDING AN ALLOCATION OF \$500,000 FROM THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S EMERGENCY FUND AND A CONTRIBUTION IN KIND OF \$725,000 FROM THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME TO COVER THE FOOD COMPONENT IN THE UNHCR PROGRAMME.
3. COMMITMENTS TO DATE UNDER THIS PROGRAMME AMOUNT TO \$4,722,640, LEAVING AN UNCOMMITTED CASH BALANCE OF \$493,708. ASSISTANCE MEASURES FINANCED FROM THE PROGRAMME HAVE BENEFITED SOME 80,000

ZAMBICAN REFUGEES WHO HAD RETURNED FROM NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES AND AN ESTIMATED NUMBER OF ONE MILLION DISPLACED PERSONS WITHIN THE COUNTRY.

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4. FROM THE UNCOMMITTED CASH BALANCE, THE FOLLOWING NEEDS SHOULD BE MET IN THE NEAR FUTURE:

A) A SECOND PHASE OF REPATRIATION RELATING TO SOME 30,000 REFUGEES NOW IN THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA IS SCHEDULED TO START AFTER THE RAINY SEASON. THESE REFUGEES, UPON RETURN TO MOZAMBIQUE, WILL HAVE TO BE ASSISTED TO SETTLE ON THE LAND THROUGH THE PROVISION OF SEEDS HAND TOOLS, AND AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT

B) UNHCR IS AT PRESENT CONSIDERING A REQUEST FROM THE GOVERNMENT FOR ASSISTANCE TO A GROUP OF 5,000 REFUGEES WHO HAD RETURNED FROM TANZANIA TO THE NORTHERN PROVINCES OF MOZAMBIQUE WHERE, BECAUSE OF HEAVY RAINS AND THE RESULTING POOR CONDITION OF THE LAND, THEY ARE UNABLE TO SUPPORT THEMSELVES. IN THE OPINION OF THE GOVERNMENT, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THESE PERSONS BE MOVED TO ANOTHER PART OF THE COUNTRY WHERE THEY WILL HAVE A BETTER CHANCE OF SUCCESSFUL SETTLEMENT.

SINCE ONLY THE CASH BALANCE OF \$493,708 IS AT PRESENT AVAILABLE FOR COMMITMENT AGAINST THESE IMMEDIATE NEEDS, THE COST OF WHICH IS ESTIMATED TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY IN EXCESS OF \$1 MILLION, UNHCR HAD TO REQUEST THE GOVERNMENT TO REASSESS ITS PRIORITIES. MOREOVER, THERE IS A GRAVE DANGER THAT THE UNHCR PROGRAMME CANNOT BE FULLY IMPLEMENTED IF FURTHER SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS ARE NOT FORTHCOMING VERY SOON TO BRIDGE THE SHORTFALL OF \$2 MILLION ON THE TARGET. AT THE BEST, IMPLEMENTATION WILL HAVE TO BE SLOWED DOWN. THESE DEVELOPMENTS ARE THE MORE UNFORTUNATE IN VIEW OF THE ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES WHICH MOZAMBIQUE IS FACING AS A RESULT OF THE CLOSURE OF ITS BORDERS WITH ZEMBABWE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL SANCTIONS.

AIDE-MEMOIRE ON EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES FROM NAMIBIA AND SOUTHERN RHODESIA

INTRODUCTION

1. EDUCATION, WHETHER GENERAL OR TECHNICAL, PLAYS A MAJOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ROLE IN FACILITATING THE INTEGRATION OF

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REFUGEES INTO A NEW COMMUNITY, GIVING THEM BETTER CHANCES OF EMPLOYMENT AND HELPING REFUGEE YOUTH TO TAKE ROOT IN THE NEW COUNTRY BY ACQUIRING A KNOWLEDGE OF ITS LANGUAGE AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC REALITIES. IT IS ALSO INVALUABLE IN PREPARING THOSE REFUGEES WHO WILL RETURN TO THEIR HOMELAND, SO THAT THEY CAN PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR COUNTRY.

2. WHILE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE BASIC EDUCATION OF REFUGEES RESTS WITH THE COUNTRY OF ASYLUM, THIS EXTRA DEMAND ON THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS OF MANY COUNTRIES CANNOT BE MET WITHOUT HELP FROM THE OUTSIDE. ACCORDINGLY, FOR MANY YEARS UNHCR HAS ENDEAVOURED, IN CO-ORDINATION WITH OTHER BODIES INTERESTED IN THE PROBLEM, TO ENSURE THAT REFUGEES ARE PROVIDED WITH ADEQUATE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES.

3. IN PURSUING THE ABOVE GOALS, UNHCR IS COOPERATING WITH UNESCO WHICH IS PROVIDING EXPERT ADVICE ON HOW BEST TO EXTEND EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES. CLOSE CONSULTATION IS MAINTAINED WITH THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA IN ASSESSING THE REFUGEES' NEEDS FOR TRAINING. SINCE THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA (UNETPSA) CONCENTRATES ON PROVIDING HIGHER SECONDARY AND TERTIARY EDUCATION, UNHCR HELPS REFUGEES FROM SOUTHERN AFRICA, INCLUDING NAMIBIANS AND ZIMBABWEANS, TO RECEIVE PRIMARY, FIRST-LEVEL SECOND AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

PRESENT NEEDS FOR EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

4. AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, UNHCR HAS CONTINUED IN 1976 TO GIVE EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES FROM NAMIBIA AND SOUTHERN RHODESIA (ZIMBABWE). THROUGH THIS ASSISTANCE, THE REFUGEES ARE PROVIDED WITH TUITION, LIVING ALLOWANCES AND BOARDING FEES, BOOKS AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL, REGISTRATION AND EXAMINATION FEES, TRAVEL GRANTS, ETC. WHENEVER NECESSARY, FUNDS ARE ALSO PROVIDED FOR THE EXTENSION OF SCHOOL FACILITIES TO PERMIT THE ACCOMMODATION OF REFUGEES REQUIRING EDUCATION.

5. FOR PROJECTS EXTENDING SUCH ASSISTANCE CURRENTLY UNDER IMPLEMENTATION OR IN THE STAGE OF PLANNING, UNHCR IS EXPECTED TO INCUR COSTS IN EXCESS OF \$1,000,000. WITH THIS AMOUNT, MORE THAN 500 REFUGEE STUDENTS WILL BE HELPED TO RECEIVE TRAINING

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IN PARTICULARLY SELECTED FIELDS, THUS PROVIDING THE NECESSARY SKILLED HUMAN RESOURCES IN THEIR COUNTRY OF ASYLUM OR ORIGIN. THE ABOVE CALCULATION, HOWEVER, DOES NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF THE 18,000 ZIMBABWEANS AT PRESENT IN MOZAM-

BIQUE AS THESE HAVE NOT YET BEEN FULLY ASSESSED.

6. OF THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000,000 SOME \$700,000 HAVE STILL TO BE
OBTAINED THROUGH VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS, AS A CONTRIBUTION
AMOUNTING TO \$300,000 HAS ALREADY BEEN PLEDGED TO UNHCR BY THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE
AT THE NKUMBI INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE IN ZAMBIA.

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